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SUBJECT: FRG PRESS COVERAGE OF SCHMIDT-GISCARD SUMMIT

SUMMARY: IN FRONT PAGE STORIES ON FEBRUARY 5, THE FRG PRESS CONCENTRATED UPON THE HARMONIOUS ATMOSPHERE OF THE SCHMIDT-GISCARD SUMMIT IN PARIS. THE CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS ON ENERGY MATTERS WAS HIGHLIGHTED, WITH LESS ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO THE LACK OF PROGRESS ON EC AGRICULTURAL ISSUES AND ON UK CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EC
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BUDGET. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S STATEMENTS RE THE PLO

WERE WIDELY REPORTED. OTHER ISSUES AND PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUMMIT RECEIVED ONLY SCANT COVERAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG PRESS REACTION TO THE PARIS SUMMIT WAS POSITIVE, AND HEAVILY EMPHASIZED FRENCH-FRG AGREEMENT ON ENERGY ISSUES. PARTICULAR STRESS WAS PLACED UPON THE MID-MARCH PREPARATORY CONSUMER/PRODUCER CONFERENCE IN PARIS AND FRENCH-FRG AGREEMENT ON THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS (US, JAPAN, THE EC PRESIDENT, REPS FROM EACH OF THE EC COUNTRIES, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA, ALGERIA, VENEZUELA, ZAIRE, INDIA, AND BRAZIL).

2. ACCORDING TO THE FRG PRESS, NEITHER SCHMIDT NOR GISCARD THOUGHT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CALL FOR A REDUCTION IN OIL PRICES COUPLED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINIMUM OIL PRICE LEVEL ABOVE THAT OF 1972 HAD CREATED A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR DISCUSSIONS IN THE ENERGY FIELD.

3. THE LACK OF AGREEMENT ON EC AGRICULTURAL PRICE ISSUES WAS MENTIONED IN MOST FRG PRESS COMMENTARIES, BUT THE PRESS TREATED THESE ISSUES AS SECONDARY TO THE "IDENTITY OF VIEWS" REACHED ON ENERGY MATTERS. MOST STORIES NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRG AND FRANCE WERE NOT AGREED ON FOUR ASPECTS OF EC AGRICULTURAL PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE LEVELS FOR EC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, THE EC SYSTEM OF COMPENSATORY ADJUSTMENTS, THE MEAT PRICING SYSTEM, AND THE LEVELS OF EC PRICE SUPPORTS FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION.

4. THE FRG PRESS REPORTED SCHMIDT'S COMMENTS RE THE TWO CONDITIONS HE LAID DOWN FOR EC INCLUSION OF THE PLO IN AN EC-ARAB DIALOGUE: PLO ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, AND PLO RENUNCIATION OF TERRORISM.

5. THE PRESS MADE ONLY PASSING REFERENCE TO THE DISCUSSION OF UK RE-NEGOTIATIONS, NOTING THAT BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT FURTHER STUDY WAS NEEDED.

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6. ONLY SPARSE FRG PRESS COVERAGE WAS ACCORDED TO THE GENSCHER-SAUVAGNARGUES TALKS. PAPERS MENTIONING THESE DISCUSSIONS SPOKE IN A RATHER HO-HUM TONE ABOUT GENSCHER AND SAUVAGNARGUES AGREEING THAT THE EC COULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO STABILITY IN THE MID-EAST, THAT THE USSR'S CANCELLATION OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE US HAD NOT DAMAGED DETENTE, AND THAT A BETTER ORGANIZED UNITED NATIONS COULD CONTRIBUTE

TO THE REDUCTION OF WORLD TENSIONS.
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